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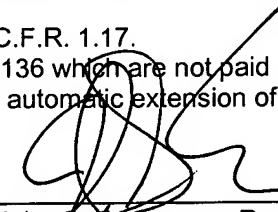


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In re application of: **Jean-Paul MARDON et al.**  
Serial No.: 10/728,237  
Filed: December 3, 2003  
For: **ALLOY AND TUBE FOR NUCLEAR FUEL ASSEMBLY AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME**  
Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response to Office Action (8 pgs)** in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Also transmitted herewith are:
- ☒ Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
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